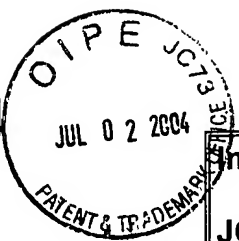


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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) which was cited in the instant specification and the references B) to D) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP 02/10726. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	M.L.Booy: "Geometry of Fully Wiped Twin-Screw ..."			09-00-1978
B)	USA	5,851,065	Ikeda et al.	12-22-1998
C)	USA	5,044,757	Dienst	09-03-1991
D)	USA	3,729,178	Stade	04-24-1973

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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- ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted

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